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Department of Education
Directorate of Higher Education

Ambiye Dnyanvrudhhi Shishyavrutti (Bursary Scheme)".

Notification

GEDC/Dev/Sch-Amend/Bursary/
/137/2023/5112

1. *Short title & commencement.*— (i) The scheme shall be called "Sant Sohirobanath

(ii) The scheme shall come into effect from the date of its publication in Official Gazette.

2. *Objective of the scheme.*— The Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2005 implemented countrywide, basically focuses on Primary

and Secondary Education. The Government of Goa has a laudable objective of universalizing Higher and Technical Education in the State, thereby raising the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) to around 45 from the present 35.8. It is desired that Higher and Technical Education does not become the privilege of the selected few.

National Education Policy also strives to convert the education system into a more equitable and inclusive one by emphasising equality and inclusion.

With these objectives in mind, scheme for the grant of financial assistance towards the fees paid for various courses under Higher and Technical Education or any other recognizing authority approved by Government of India or Government of Goa has been formulated.

3. *General conditions and eligibility.*— (i) Students pursuing College (General and Professional) Education in the State of Goa including post graduation shall be eligible to receive the benefits under the Bursary Scheme, provided they meet the eligibility criteria laid down in this scheme.

(ii) The actual grant would be calculated on the basis of the fees paid as per clause 4(ii) for each of the course/program and will be limited to the payment of fees and other charges given to the College/Institution.

(iii) The concerned student shall pay the requisite fees for the course that student pursues. The eligible quantum of fees shall be reimbursed through direct transfer to the student's Bank Account.

(iv) In order to be a beneficiary under the scheme, the student should have completed/ passed his/her:

a. Std. Xth in case of Diploma students from an institution in Goa.

b. Std. Xth, XIIth or Diploma (as applicable) and/or last qualifying examinations in case of graduation from an institution in Goa.

c. Std. Xth, XIIth or Diploma (as applicable), Graduation and/or last qualifying examinations in case of post-graduation from an institution in Goa.

For benefit under the scheme, in case of post graduate course, the requirement of graduate degree from College/University from Goa, will be relaxed for degree from Central University, NIT, IIT, IIM etc.

(v) The institutions where the student pursues studies should be located in Goa and affiliated to Goa University and/or recognized by Directorate of Higher Education/ Directorate of Technical Education or any other recognizing authority approved by Government of India or Government of Goa.

(vi) Those students availing the benefits under the Bursary Scheme shall not be eligible to avail similar benefits under any other schemes/scholarships of Government of Goa/India including concession in fees etc. of Government of Goa. The students would however be permitted to exercise their choice of the scheme(s) to avail similar benefits.

(vii) Scheme will be operated through Goa Education Development Corporation (GEDC). This will also ensure cross checking so that Interest Free Education Loan Scheme beneficiary do not claim under this scheme and vice-versa.

4. *Financial Assistance under the Bursary Scheme.*— (i) Applicants whose total family income from all sources, including the income of both the parents/guardian together should be less than Rupees five lakhs, to be eligible under the scheme.

(ii) Actual "Entitled fees*" would be subject to a maximum of Rs. 40000/- per annum.

*Entitled fees include University Registration Fees, Tuition fees, Library Fees, Lab/Laboratory Fees, Gymkhana Fees, IT Lab Fees/InfoTech Fees/Information Technology Charges and Practical Fees; and any other fees/charges approved by the sanctioning committee that is constituted for the purpose of the scheme. Also, entitled fees will include the expenditure incurred for the purchase of

Textbooks/Reference books for the course up to Rs. 5000/-.

(iii) Courses with maximum 5 years duration from Institutions located in the State of Goa shall be eligible.

(iv) The course requires full time attendance.

5. *Funding for the Bursary Scheme.*— (i) The Funding of the scheme shall be through interest on the “The Bursary Scheme Corpus Fund” specially created for the purpose and maintained by GEDC.

(ii) The Bursary Scheme Corpus Fund has been created by means of allotment of funds by way of budgetary provisions made for this purpose and such additional grants as required on annual basis.

(iii) In addition to the annual allotment being made by the Government as per requirement, voluntary contributions to the Funds by Industrialists, Philanthropists, various institutional or individual donors as well as from the public shall also be accepted.

(iv) The beneficiary students, after being gainfully employed may refund the benefit.

(v) The beneficiary student may also contribute to the fund any amount as per his/her desire.

6. *Procedure for application.*— (i) The eligible students shall apply for the scheme (Fresh/Renewal) through the online Bursary Portal alongwith the required documents before the last date of the application as intimated by the GEDC.

(ii) The Head of the institution shall verify and authenticate all such applications as per the timelines defined.

(iii) The following documents are required to be submitted alongwith the application form:

a. In case of Diploma students from an institution in Goa: Std. X marksheet.

b. In case of graduation students from an institution in Goa.

1. Std. Xth marksheet.

2. Std. XIIth or Diploma marksheet (as applicable).

3. Marksheets of last qualifying examinations.

c. In case of post-graduation students from an institution in Goa.

1. Std. Xth marksheet.

2. Std. XIIth or Diploma marksheet (as applicable).

3. Graduation marksheet.

4. Marksheets of last qualifying examinations.

d. *Proof of annual income:* Total Family Income from all sources (Income Certificate) issued by Competent Authority.

e. Proof of Admission to the course/programme and bonafide student Certificate issued by the Head of Institution.

f. Fee Receipts issued by the institution and Fee Structure duly certified by the Head of Institution.

(iv) If there is any compliance to be made on the part of applicant, the application will be reverted back to the applicant for correction. The student will also receive intimation for correction through SMS. Student should comply within the due date.

(v) For renewal of application, marksheets of last qualifying examinations, Bonafide Certificate, Income Certificate issued by the Competent Authority and Fee Receipt duly authenticated by the Head of Institution needs to be uploaded.

7. *Procedure for payment under the Bursary Scheme.*— (i) The applications received by the Goa Education Development Corporation shall be placed before the Scrutiny Committee for the sanction and after its sanction, the amount will be transferred in the account of the student under Direct Benefit Transfer Pattern.

(ii) The application would be scrutinized and recommended for sanction based on

merit (marks obtained by the candidate in last qualifying exam) vis-a-vis the parental income so as to meet the requirements of "Need" as well as "Merit".

(iii) The disbursement will be made as per the availability of funds in the budgetary provision made for the financial year corresponding to the academic year concerned.

8. *Removal of difficulties.*— The Government is empowered to remove any difficulty which arises out of implementation of this Bursary Scheme with prior approval of Finance Department.

9. *Relaxation.*— The Government is empowered to relax any of the conditions or clauses of the Bursary Scheme in genuine cases subject to the recommendation made in this regard by the GEDC.

10. *Interpretation.*— Question if any, regarding interpretation of any clause, word, expression of the Bursary Scheme, the decision shall lie with the Government, which shall be final and binding on all concerned.

11. *Redressal of grievances and disputes.*— Grievances if any, arising out of the implementation of this scheme, shall be heard and decided by the Government and the decision of the Government in this regard shall be final and binding on all concerned.

A scheme called "Sant Sohirobanath Ambiyé Dnyanvrudhi Shishyavrutti (Bursary Scheme)" issued vide Notification No. 9/389/2013/DHE/3050 dated 02-12-2014, published on Official Gazette, Series I No. 37 and "the Goa Financial Assistance towards fees for various courses under Higher and Technical Education Scheme, 2014 known as the "Bursary Scheme" issued vide Notification No. 9/389/2013/DHE/723 dated 27-02-2014, published on Official Gazette, Series I No. 48 hereby stands withdrawn.

This issues with the concurrence of the Finance (Expenditure) Department vide their U. O. No. 1400095012 dated 23-07-2024.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Sanjana Bandekar, Under Secretary (Higher Education).

Porvorim, 17th September, 2024.

Directorate of Technical Education

Notification

DTE/DJ-GIFT EDUCATION
SCHEME/2021-22/1582

Read: Notification No. DTE/DJ-GIFT/
/EDUCATION SCHEME/2021/448
dated 07-06-2021.

Government has approved that Diamond Jubilee Government Investment for Technical Education Scheme (DJ-GIFT), as notified vide Notification No. DTE/DJ-GIFT/EDUCATION SCHEME/2021/448 dated 07-06-2021, shall continue to be applicable to all eligible students enrolled in the specified institutions in the year 2021-22, 2022-23 & 2023-24 with the base fee as notified for the respective years.

Further, it has been approved that, for students admitted in 2024-25, Scheme shall be applicable, provided they fulfill the eligibility criteria specified under the Scheme, and their annual family income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 12.00 lakhs p.a. in 2023-24. Also, this Income limit of Rs. 12.00 lakhs p.a. for availing the Scheme shall be applicable to the students admitted in 2023-24, prospectively from academic year 2024-25. The base fee specified under the Scheme for the batch of students admitted in 2024-25 is as follows:

- Diploma in Engineering: Rs. 30,000/- p.a.
- Diploma in Hotel Management & Catering Technology: Rs. 70,000/- p.a.

• Degree courses:

Year	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Base fee payable	Rs. 1,00,000/- p.a.	Rs. 1,10,000/- p.a.	Rs. 1,20,000/- p.a.	Rs. 1,30,000/- p.a.

All institutions covered under the Scheme may take note of the above for implementation of the Scheme, accordingly.

This notification is issued with the approval of the Government vide U. O. No. 2943A/F dated 10-08-2024.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Sd/- Shri Prasad Lolayekar (IAS), Secretary (Education).

Porvorim, 13th August, 2024.

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Department of Forest

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Notification

7/3/2024/FOR/224

1. *Short title & commencement.*— Financial Assistance for Rejuvenation of Cashew Plantation of the Goa Forest Development Corporation Ltd. (GFDCL) (Year 2024-25 to 2032-33).

2. *Introduction.*— The Goa Forest Development Corporation Ltd. (GFDCL) (a Government of Goa Undertaking) was constituted from the erstwhile Cashew Division of the Goa Forest Department and incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956 (No. 1 of 1956) as a limited company by the Government of Goa on 11th April, 1997.

As per the article of Memorandum of Association one of the objectives of Corporation is to develop and raise forest plantations, horticulture and plantation crops and in particular cashew, rubber, teak and such other suitable species in the State of Goa for the purpose of increasing production and development of industries based on their produce.

Of the 1224 sq. kms. of Goa's forest area approximately 6000 ha. under cashew

plantations is readily available to take up under improvement works. These plantations were handed over by the Forest Department to the Goa Forest Development Corporation after its formation in April, 1997.

These areas were given to this corporation on lease for a period of 40 years alongwith the building and structure situated therein on as is where is basis.

The cashew and rubber plantations were initially planted with local variety by the Forest Department during the period 1964 to 1981 in the coupes clear felled at that time as well as on acquired comunidade lands. The basic aim of handing over cashew and rubber plantation to the Corporation was to increase their productivity.

3. *Objectives of the Proposal.*— 1) To increase density with enhanced tree cover.

2) To contribute to soil and water conservation thereby soil fertility.

3) To maintain ecological balance with environmental security.

4) To rejuvenate the old cashew plantation by replacing old senile, moribund non yielding cashew trees with high yielding

variety of cashew for higher productivity and yield to maximize profits.

5) Improve overall health of the cashew plantation by removal of unwanted bushy growths and weeds.

6) To provide employment to the local people with improvement of their livelihood and socio economic status thereby bringing economic prosperity to the State.

Besides, it would also have the following advantages:—

1) Expenditure on clear felling and replanting against trees is not involved.

2) Trees which have not yet completed their rotation shall remain and continue serving other ecological purposes like providing cover to soil. Otherwise the soil will get exposed resulting in deterioration of site quality.

3) Plantation will finally be a mixture of trees with seed origin and high yielding grafts which means:-

a) Higher security of plants from pests & diseases.

b) Higher productivity by way of better pollination and fertilization, and overall Eco-security of those fragile and Eco-sensitive areas.

4. *Scope of the Scheme.*—

a. Raising maintenance & harvesting of cashew plantations: Cashew plantations form an integral part of the local economy as the people staying around the plantations and nearby areas bid/participate in the auction and earn profits, work as labourer for collection of nuts and apples and also get employment for the present planting works as well as future tending operations. The main aim of the Corporation behind this is to manage these plantations as commercial orchards for increasing the productivity, to

create employment opportunities and for upliftment of livelihood of large number of local people and villagers staying in fringes.

The augmented yield by these cashew plantations will ultimately benefit the Government in earning foreign exchange, as the export potential of cashew is very high. The right to collection of the fruits & nuts are auctioned every year before the fruiting season. In order to encourage people's participation, rejuvenation/enrichment plantations are taken up in older plantations by planting of high yielding grafted seedlings in gaps arising from mortality of old and senile trees. The GFDC has its own nurseries High Yielding Quality grafted seedlings for raising plantations.

b. Employment generation: Rejuvenation of Cashew Plantation provides year round gainful employment 'Green job' to the unemployed local including women and members of Self Help Groups (SHGs) residing in and around Cashew estates at their door step on the line of Atmanirbhar Bharat & Swayampurna Goa.

c. Supply Raw material to Cashew processing Industry: GFDC contributes 16% of total geographical area under cashew production area of Goa, so it play very important role in nut production in the state. Most of the cashew processing industries such as nut processing, fenni making, nut shell liquid etc. depends on GFDC estates for their raw material.

d. Past System of Management: The plantations were maintained well till mid-eighties, but thereafter proper management was not carried out with the result that these plantations have been infested with heavy weed, climbers, parasites etc. This annual auction was conducted only for the rights of collection of nuts and fruits from the plantations. Most of the plantations are now covered with thorny bushes, creepers and

useless undergrowth with hardly 20 to 30 trees per hectares, which too are struggling hard from the stranglehold of the weeds & thorny bamboos to survive & produce fruits and nuts.

The present scheme shall address all the issues accountable for the probable reasons of low productivity.

5. *Details of Planting Operations.*— As already stated, the plantations have been infested with weeds and thorny bushes etc. They would be required to be removed/ cleaned before planting operation commences i.e. before monsoons. Pits of size 50 cm. x 50 cm. x 50 cm. at spacing of 6 m. x 6 m. shall be dug out or wherever gaps are formed due to uprooting or dead trees in the coupes.

The grafts/seedlings will be planted immediately on commencement of monsoon that would be of minimum 1 year of age for planting at the site. The planting operation will be completed before July end so that maximum advantage could be taken of rainy season for their growth.

6. *Inter-Culture Operations.*— Following prescriptions are laid out for undertaking inter-culture operations in the area taken up for planting.

Mulching with green or dry leaves will be done around the grafts planted. This would help to conserve moisture as well as to control the weeds. This would also help to control soil erosion and add organic matter to the soil. The mulch will also be covered with surrounding soil at the beginning or rain and just before the last rains.

On the hilly slopes, trenches of size 1.00 x 0.50 m. x 0.50 m. will be dug across the slope at a distance of 1 m. from the graft on the upper side of the grafted seedlings for moisture conservation.

7. *Manuring and Fertilizer Application.*— For desired growth and yield of cashew, it is necessary to give balance of nutrients in the form of organic and chemical fertilizers. A basal dose of DAP would be provided at the time of planting. In addition, organic/semi-organic fertilizers will be applied annually for a period of 5 years. Mulching will be done at the base so that micro-nutrients from the fertilizers applied will become available to the plant. Although, cashew is the rain fed crop however, for better growth of grafts, watering manually during lean months in the initial years, will ensure good growth of the plant.

8. *Cost of Planting.*— Work sheet for calculating rate per hectare for creating/ Maintenance of Cashew Plantations.

Since the existing plantations are in very sorry state due to large scale infestation of weeds etc., prior to taking up plantation, extensive weeding/cleaning would require to be carried out which shall entail about 50 man-days per ha. area. This item of work is extra necessitated as against the activities that are carried out on well laid field's home gardens. Secondly, Goa being a high cost index area, prevailing labour rate is Rs. 405.00 per day which shall have upwardly effect on the cost of plantation. Break-up activities alongwith corresponding labour/material component would be as follows:

Raising of 1.0 Hectare Cashew Plantation:

I) Targeted Tree Density (With a spacement of 6m x 6m) 277 trees per ha.
II) Assumed existing Cashew tree density 50 trees per ha.
III) Assumed gaps available for planting 277 trees per ha.

I) Schedule of work:**Raising of Cashew Plantation in 1 Ha. Area**

Sr. No.	Particulars	For 1 ha.			
		Qty.	Unit	Rate	Amount in Rs.
1	Survey & demarcation	2	Man days	405/-	810/-
2	Raising of seedlings in the nursery including cost of all materials and labour (including 15% casualty)	320	Nos.	33/-	10,560/-
3	Clearance of site, extraction of stack, alignment and stacking	54	Man days	405/-	21,870/-
4	Digging of pits of size 60cm. x 60cm. x 60cm.	29	Man days	405/-	11,745/-
5	Refilling of Pit	05	Man days	405/-	2,025/-
	Rock Phosphate @ 250gm. per plant	45	Kg.	20/-	900/-
	Neem cake @ 500 gm. per plant	90	Kg.	60/-	5,400/-
6	Transportation of seedlings by head load to loading site and unloading at plantation site	320	Per plant	1.50 paisa	480/-
7	Head load transport of seedlings from diesel point to planting site	320	Per plant	0.50 paisa	160/-
8	Transportation of seedlings by vehicle from nursery site to planting site	Lump-sum	—	—	2,000/-
9	Planting of Cashew Seedling/Grafts	10	Man days	405/-	4,050/-
10	20% casualty replacement	2	Man days	405/-	810/-
11	First weeding around the plant	20	Man days	405/-	8,100/-
12	Second weeding, Soil working, Mulching	22	Man days	405/-	8,910/-
13	Application of fertilizers	06	Man days	405/-	2,430/-
14	Cost of fertilizer:				
	Urea @ 250 gm. Per plant	50	Kg.	10/-	500/-
	Rock Phosphate @ 175 gm. per plant	35	Kg.	15/-	525/-
	Murate of Potash @ 85 gm. per plant	15	Kg.	15/-	225/-
	Neem Cake/NPK @ 200gm. per plant	35	Kg.	20/-	700/-
15	Watch & Ward service (one watcher for 10 ha.) @ Rs. 10000/- per month. For 08 months = 10000 x 08=80000/- per 10 ha. (For 1 ha. 80000/10=8000)	24	Man days	405/-	9,720/-
16	Digging of trenches of size 1m. x 0.5m. x 0.5m. for moisture conservation.	75	Man days	405/-	30,375/-
17	Fire Tracing	15	Man days	405/-	6,075/-
18	Fencing around the plant with brush wood	277	Mtr.	70/-	19,390/-
19	Add 3% Contingency, Sign boards etc.	Lump-sum	-	-	3,867/-
	Total				1,24,677

(Rupees One lakh twenty four thousand six hundred seventy seven only).

1st year maintenance cost per/ha.

Sr. No.	Particulars	For 1 ha.			
		Qty.	Unit	Rate	Amount in Rs.
1	Transportation of seedlings by vehicle at plantation site	55	Per plant	02/-	110/-
2	Transportation of seedlings from dumping site to planting site, Digging of pits & planting	01	Man days	405/-	405/-
3	First weeding & cleaning	15	Man days	405/-	6,075/-
4	Application of fertilizers	06	Man days	405/-	2,430/-
5	Cost of fertilizer:				
	Urea @ 500 gm. per plant	100	Kg.	15/-	1,500/-
	Rock Phosphate @ 350 gm. per plant	70	Kg.	20/-	1,400/-
	Murate of Potash @ 170 gm. per plant	30	Kg.	20/-	600/-
	Neem Cake/NPK @ 500 gm. per plant	90	Kg.	40/-	3,600/-
6	Cost of Plant Protection materials including its application	Lump-sum	—	—	1,000/-
7	Second weeding, Soil working and mulching (45 cm. radius)	22	Man days	405/-	8,910/-
8	Watch & Ward service (one watcher for 10 ha.) @ Rs. 10000/- per month. For 08 months = 10000 x 08=80000/- per 10 ha. (For 1 ha. 80000/10=8000)	24	Man days	405/-	9,720/-
9	Fire Tracing	15	Man days	405/-	6,075/-
	Total				41,825/-
	Add 3% contingencies				1,255/-
	Grand Total				43,080/-

(Rupees forty thousand eighty only)

2nd to 5th year maintenance cost/ha. onwards

Sr. No.	Particulars	For 1 ha.			
		Qty.	Unit	Rate	Amount in Rs.
1	First weeding & cleaning	20	Man days	405/-	8,100/-
2	Application of fertilizers	06	Man days	405/-	2,430/-
3	Cost of fertilizer:				
	Urea @ 1000 gm. Per plant	175	Kg.	15/-	2,625/-
	Rock Phosphate @ 750 gm. Per plant	135	Kg.	20/-	2,700/-
	Murate of Potash @ 300 gm. Per plant	55	Kg.	20/-	1,100/-
	Neem Cake/NPK @ 500 gm. Per plant	90	Kg.	40/-	3,600/-
4	Cost of Plant Protection materials including its application	Lump-sum	—	—	1,736/-
5	Fire Tracing	15	Man days	405/-	6,075/-
	Total				28,366/-
	Add 3% contingencies				851/-
	Grand Total				29,217/-

(Rupees twenty nine thousand two hundred seventeen only)

9. *Employment benefits to the local people arising out of the proposal.*— Cashew being a commercial cash crop, promises huge returns like any other cash crops, if properly maintained, protected & looked after with technical support from the Corporation/ Government. The cashew working season luckily does not interfere with the paddy cultivation activity of the farmers and involves engagement up to 12 months for them. The villagers will get work in cashew plantations and maintenance work and get adequate remuneration. However, if responsibility of proper weeding, cleaning, mulching, pest management and other activities required for overall maintenance of the plantation and their protection from biotic factors etc. are

undertaken by the Self Help Groups (SHG's), these plantations can be maintained at optimum level so as to produce high yield from the same. This would provide good employment opportunities for the people as well as managed plantation entails expenditure to the extent of 1.00 to 1.25 lakh per/ha. every year, significant part of it will go as income to the local people.

About 600-700 families can be effectively engaged in managing 1240 hectare plantation. After these plantations have been enriched and maintained say for a period of 5 years, the total Man days generated during these 5 years period will be approximately 6,25,337/-. The details are shown as below:

Phase	Year	Area in ha.	Man Days Generated (Nos.)					Total No. of man-days for 5 years
			Raising	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	
I	2024-25	120	29,550	10,209	6,926	6,926	6,926	6,25,337
II	2025-26	280	68,950	23,820	16,160	16,160	16,160	
III	2026-27	280	68,950	23,820	16,160	16,160	16,160	
IV	2027-28	280	68,950	23,820	16,160	16,160	16,160	
V	2028-29	280	68,950	23,820	16,160	16,160	16,160	
Total		1240	3,05,350	1,05,489	71,566	71,566	71,566	

10. *Eligibility.*— In the budget estimate for the year 2024-25 under Demand No. 68 Grant-in-Aid finder sub-head 13-Grants for rejuvenation of cashew plantation, fund provision of Rs. 150.00 lakh is allotted by the Government. Accordingly, the grants can be sanctioned to the Corporation under non-recurring grants.

Further the details of Financial implications requirements for the rejuvenation of cashew plantation work, year wise is discussed under point No. 11.

Accordingly the Budget provision to be made for the year 2025-26 to 2032-33.

11. *Quantum of Financial Assistance Under the Scheme.*— There are around 307 cashew estates of GFDC spread over thousands of hectare all across Goa. The GFDC is

proposing to take up rejuvenation in 1240 ha. in 5 year period under Cashew rejuvenation scheme.

Presently, the Corporation intends to undertake enrichment in 1240 ha. of Cashew plantation in 5 phases with maintenance spread over a period of 5 years (2024-25 to 2032-33). In the current year 2024-25, required No. of seedlings are available with this corporation for taking up plantation. It is proposed to take up 120 ha. Rejuvenation cashew plantation for 1st year i.e. 2024-25 and 280 ha. for subsequent year from 2025-26 to 2028-29 by engaging local labourer. The maintenance of these newly raised cashew plantations is to be carried out up to 4th year beginning from 2025-26.

The maintenance programme of 1st Year plantation would have to be extended upto

the year 2028-29 and that of the 5th year plantation will be maintained up to the Year 2032-33. After successful raising and maintenance, the plantation will start yielding production and became ready for auctioning purpose. The scheme will be

carried out with involving locals up to Year 2032-33. The details of phase-wise & year-wise break up towards planting operations and its maintenance with budgetary requirements for implementation of this scheme is shown as below:

Phase	Year	Area in ha.	Year & maintenance cost in Lakhs					Total Amount required in Lakhs
			Raising	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	
I	2024-25	120	149.62	51.70	35.06	35.06	35.06	3,167.14
II	2025-26	280	349.10	120.63	81.81	81.81	81.81	
III	2026-27	280	349.10	120.63	81.81	81.81	81.81	
IV	2027-28	280	349.10	120.63	81.81	81.81	81.81	
V	2028-29	280	349.10	120.63	81.81	81.81	81.81	
Total		1240	1546.02	534.22	362.30	362.30	362.30	

Year wise Financial Implications for Implementation of Rejuvenation of Cashew Plantation (2024-25 to 2032-33).

During the year 2024-33 in five phases, it is proposed to take up 1240 ha. of the area of rejuvenation of cashew plantation by replanting good quality cashew seedlings with maintenance over a period of five years. The detail are shown below:

Year 2024-25

	Area	Rate per ha.	Amount (in lakhs)
Fresh plantation including nursery rate	120 ha.	Rs. 1,24,677/-	Rs. 149.62

Year 2025-26

	Area	Rate per ha.	Amount (in lakhs)
Fresh plantation including nursery rate	280 ha.	Rs. 1,24,677/-	Rs. 349.10
1st year maintenance	120 ha.	Rs. 43,080/-	Rs. 51.70
Total			Rs. 400.80

Year 2026-27

	Area	Rate per ha.	Amount (in lakhs)
Fresh plantation including nursery rate	280 ha.	Rs. 1,24,677/-	Rs. 349.10
First year maintenance	280 ha.	Rs. 43,080/-	Rs. 120.63
Second year maintenance	120 ha.	Rs. 29,217/-	Rs. 35.06
Total			Rs. 504.79

Year 2027-28

	Area	Rate per ha.	Amount (in lakhs)
Fresh plantation including nursery rate	280 ha.	Rs. 1,24,677/-	Rs. 349.10
First year maintenance	280 ha.	Rs. 43,080/-	Rs. 120.63
Second year maintenance	280 ha.	Rs. 29,217/-	Rs. 81.81
Third year maintenance	120 ha.	Rs. 29,217/-	Rs. 35.06
		Total	Rs. 586.60

Year 2028-29

	Area	Rate per ha.	Amount (in lakhs)
Fresh plantation including nursery rate	280 ha.	Rs. 1,24,677/-	Rs. 349.10
First year maintenance	280 ha.	Rs. 43,080/-	Rs. 120.63
Second year maintenance	280 ha.	Rs. 29,217/-	Rs. 81.81
Third year maintenance	280 ha.	Rs. 29,217/-	Rs. 81.81
Fourth year maintenance	120 ha.	Rs. 29,217/-	Rs. 35.06
		Total	Rs. 684.41

Year 2029-30

	Area	Rate per ha.	Amount (in lakhs)
First year maintenance	280 ha.	Rs. 43,080/-	Rs. 120.63
Second year maintenance	280 ha.	Rs. 29,217/-	Rs. 81.81
Third year maintenance	280 ha.	Rs. 29,217/-	Rs. 81.81
Fourth year maintenance	280 ha.	Rs. 29,217/-	Rs. 81.81
		Total	Rs. 366.06

Year 2030-31

	Area	Rate per ha.	Amount (in lakhs)
Second year maintenance	280 ha.	Rs. 29,217/-	Rs. 81.81
Third year maintenance	280 ha.	Rs. 29,217/-	Rs. 81.81
Fourth year maintenance	280 ha.	Rs. 29,217/-	Rs. 81.81
		Total	Rs. 245.43

Year 2031-32

	Area	Rate per ha.	Amount (in lakhs)
Third year maintenance	280 ha.	Rs. 29,217/-	Rs. 81.81
Fourth year maintenance	280 ha.	Rs. 29,217/-	Rs. 81.81
		Total	Rs. 163.62

Year 2032-33

	Area	Rate per ha.	Amount (in lakhs)
Fourth year maintenance	280 ha.	Rs. 29,217/-	Rs. 81.81
		Total	Rs. 81.81

12. *Evaluation of the Scheme.*— The performance of the scheme shall be evaluated after every three years.

13. *Conclusion.*— Presently, GFDC Cashew plantations are utterly suffering from poor productivity resulting in low economic returns to the Corporation, Strengthening and development of Cashew Plantation under the proposed scheme will not only help in establishing the adequate plant density per ha. but even facilitate subsequent maintenance thereby leading to rejuvenation of the entire cashew plantations and enhanced productivity and production.

The successful implementation of this proposed scheme with adoption of scientific production technology will ensure the raw nut yield of 1 to 1.5 tonnes per ha. from 5th year, thereby proportional monetary returns, besides this, cashew apple average yield of 5 to 6 tonnes per ha. will bring an additional income from the plantations.

The involvement of local villages in this work will open up tremendous employment opportunities in the rural economy. Subsequently, cashew based industries like cashew processing industries and feni distillation industries will also get benefited enormously by way of getting raw material required for their industries.

14. *Pattern of Assistance for Release of Grants to the Goa Forest Development Corporation Limited, Panaji, Goa for Rejuvenation of Cashew Plantation Work.*— 1. Purpose for which Grants may be sanctioned.

Non Recurring Grants subject to a maximum limit for Rs. 3,167,14 lakhs for period of 5 years subject to actual cost whichever is less.

To incur expenditure on rejuvenation of cashew plantations over an area of 1240 ha. over a period of 5 years starting from 2024-25 to 2028-29 and its maintenance over a period from 2025-26 to 2032-33.

2. Limit and extent of grants.

1. The grants shall be sanctioned to such of expenditure as referred above whose budget estimates does not exceed Rs. 685.00 lakhs per year.

3. The sanction of grants shall be subject to following conditions:

a) The proposal for grant alongwith all the required documents shall be submitted to the O/o. the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Forest Department on or before 30 June every year, provided that the Principal, Chief Conservator of Forest may authorize to receive the proposal after the prescribed dates.

b) The entire grants shall be utilized within a period of one financial year from the date of drawal.

c) The sanction of the grants should be subject to the availability of the funds.

d) The Assistant Account Officer shall draw and disburse the grants on receipt of sanction orders. The grants shall be drawn in Form GAR 32 duly signed by the authorized signatories from Goa Forest Development Corporation Ltd.

e) Any portion of the grants which is not utilized or is not ultimately required for the purpose for which it is sanctioned shall be refunded by GFDCL, Panaji-Goa to the Government Treasury forthwith through the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Panaji-Goa.

f) The Goa Forest Development Corporation shall submit to the O/o. the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest/Forest Department utilization certificate in Form GFR 19-A as required under GFR 151 (1) within one month from the date of its utilization but not later than the 12 months from the date of its drawal.

g) The Goa Forest Development Corporation shall maintain a register of grants in Form GFR 19. The O/o. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest/Forest Department shall also maintain similar register and ensure compliance of all the conditions by the grantee institution.

h) No grants shall be sanctioned unless the previous grant is fully utilized by the Goa Forest Development Corporation Limited and utilization certificate to that effect is furnished.

i) The grants shall be utilized for the purpose for which it is sanctioned and shall not be utilized for any other purpose.

j) The equipment's purchased with the aid or the grant will vest with the Government. The Grantee will maintain a register or the permanent and semi-permanent assets created out of the grants. The register will be maintained separately in respect of the grants sanctioned and an extract from the register shall be furnished to the Government annually with the audited accounts after the close of the financial year.

Register will be maintained in terms of Form GFR-21 and Form GFR-22. Such assets shall not be disposed off, encumbered or utilized for purpose other than those for which the grants was given, without prior approval of the Government. Should the Grantee cease to exist at any time, such assets/properties shall revert to the Government.

4. The Goa Forest Development Corporation Ltd., desiring to avail of the benefits of grants shall submit an application to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest alongwith the following documents:

a) Certificate to the effect that the grant previously sanctioned has been fully utilized and the necessary utilization certificate has been furnished.

b) Certificate to the effect that item of expenditure for which the proposal is submitted has been approved by the Board of Directors.

c) The account of the grantee Institute shall be subject to audit by sanctioning Authority and also by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

15. *Relaxation of the Provisions of the Scheme.*— The Government shall be empowered to relax any or all of the clauses or conditions of this scheme in genuine cases.

16. *Interpretation of the provisions of the scheme.*— If any question arises regarding interpretation of any clause, word, expression of the scheme, the decision about the interpretation shall lie with the Government, which shall be final and binding on all concerned.

This issues with the approval of the Government and concurrence of the Finance (Exp.) Department vide its U.O. No. 1400094622 dated 15-03-2024.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Dr. Pooja M. Madkaikar, Under Secretary (Forest).

Porvorim, 1st October, 2024.

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Department of Home
Home General—Division

Corrigendum

17/5/2002-HD(G)/DSW/3607

Read: Office Memorandum No. 17/5/2002-HD(G)/DSW/3206 dated 03-09-2024.

In the above referred Office Memorandum, at Sr. No. 1 in the preamble the Office

Memorandum No. 15-5-39-HD(G) dated 27-11-1997 shall be read as Office Memorandum No. 15-5-89-HD(G) dated 27-11-1997 and at Sr. No. 2 Office Memorandum No. 15-5-39-HD(G)/Vol-I dated 5-12-2008 shall be read as Office Memorandum No. 15-5-89-HD(G)/Vol-I dated 5-12-2008.

The rest of the content in the said Office Memorandum shall remain unchanged.

Manthan Manoj Naik, Under Secretary (Home-II).

Porvorim, 21st October, 2024.

Department of Information & Publicity

Corrigendum

DI/INF/128 SCHEME/E BIKE 2023

Read:- Notification: 1. No. DI/INF/128/Scheme/e-bike/2023/8952 dated 11-01-2024, published in the Official Gazette, Series I No. 41 dated 11-01-2024.

In the above read notification after clause (7) following shall be read:

The expenditure to provide subsidy shall be debited to the following Budget Head:

Demand No.: 56

Major Head:

2220 — Information and Publicity;

60 — Other;

103 — Press Information Services;

10 — Subsidies to purchase E-bike for Journalist;

33 — Subsidies.

This issues with the concurrence of the Finance (Budget) Department vide their U. O. No. 1005 dated 4-01-2024.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Dipak M. Bandekar, Director, Information & Publicity and ex officio Addl. Secy.

Panaji, 14th October, 2024.

Inspectorate of Factories and Boilers

Notification

VI/BLR/(2)/A-117/(e)Part-1/IFB-2024/2795

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 26B of the Boilers Act, 1923 (Act No. 5 of 1923), the Government of Goa hereby authorises the Secretary to the Government of Goa in the Inspectorate of Factories and Boilers to be the Appellate Authority for the purposes of said Section 26B of the said Act.

This Notification shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Anant S. Pangam, Chief Inspector of Factories and Boilers and ex officio Joint Secretary.

Panaji, 16th October, 2024.

Notification

VI/BLR/(2)/A-117/(e)Part-1/IFB-2024/2796

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 26A of the Boilers Act, 1923 (Act No. 5 of 1923), the Government of Goa hereby authorises the District Magistrate of South Goa District and North Goa District, to be the Adjudicating Officer within their respective jurisdiction, for the purposes of said Section 26A of the said Act.

This Notification shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Anant S. Pangam, Chief Inspector of Factories and Boilers and ex officio Joint Secretary.

Panaji, 16th October, 2024.

Department of Revenue

Notification

17/16/2024-RD/1094

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of Section 1 of the Goa Legislative Diploma No. 2070, dated 15-04-1961 (Amendment) Act, 2024 (Goa Act 22 of 2024), the Government of Goa hereby appoints the 18th day of October, 2024 as the date on which the provisions of the said Act shall come into force.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Vrushika Kauthankar, Under Secretary (Revenue-I).

Porvorim, 21st October, 2024.

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Department of Rural Development
District Rural Development Agency

Notification

DRDA/N/GSRLM/16-17/1477

Government had approved the Goa State Rural Livelihood Mission (GSRLM) Memorandum of Association (MoA) & Rules, 2015 and is hereby published for general information.

Gopal A. Parsekar, Project Director & CEO GSRLM.

Panaji, 27th September, 2024.

Goa State Rural Livelihood Mission

[GSRLM]

Memorandum of Association

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Rules 2015

Memorandum of Association for
Registration of the Society

1. *Name of the Society.*— The name of the Society shall be “Goa State Rural Livelihood Mission” (hereinafter referred to as to the Society).

2. *Location and name of the Society.*— The Registered Office of the Society shall be located at District Rural Development Agency, 2nd Floor, Shanta Building, St. Inez, Panaji-Goa.

3. *Vision.*— To be a specialized agency for the empowerment and poverty reduction by focusing on livelihood of the poor and vulnerable.

To act as an agency to bring convergence between all poverty reduction and empowerment programmes.

4. *Scope.*— The State society will be initially responsible for managing the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) or any other project/(s) which the State Government may entrust and expand its scope of work throughout the State or area specified by the State Government.

5. *Objectives of the Society.*— The Society shall function as the apex coordinating organization for the implementation of the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM). The Society shall have the following specific objectives:

a. Alleviate poverty of poor women and households by improving their capacities and opportunities to participate in and control their own development.

b. To make necessary interventions to empower active and affinity based groups of disadvantaged people.

c. To make necessary interventions to create income security opportunity for the rural poor.

d. Through village institutions collaborate and influence Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) to become more effective, accountable and inclusive.

e. Bring about coordination, convergence and synergy among the various components of different poverty alleviation programmes of the State and Central governments with a view to accelerating programmes towards elimination of poverty in the State.

f. To form the various federations at Village Taluka & District level who will monitor each & every activity of the SHG, which will further ensure that all Government sponsor schemes & benefit reaches to the grass roots level alongwith various information.

g. To develop confidence among women with their active participation in SHG & in federation with various kind of activities.

h. Lagging behind or needy family can be tapped for availing assistance of Government schemes.

i. To make easier for the group to approach the financial institute for any kind of loan.

j. To work with vulnerable groups so as to eliminate any anti social activity from the society.

k. All State Government information can be passed on to the member of SHG forming the federation.

l. To educate the society to use the organic fertilizer & organic pesticides so as to get permanently rid of chemical fertilizer & pesticides for improvement of the lives span of the human being.

6. *Functions.*— (a) Take all such actions and to enter into all such actions as may appear necessary or incidental for the implementation of the project and in particular for the achievement of the vision and objectives referred to in article 5 above.

(b) Formulate guidelines for implementation of the various programs of the Society.

(c) Act as Guardian of Rules and “non-negotiable principles” of the projects, and enforce the rules and guidelines for the implementation of the projects.

(d) Accept or provide any grant of money, loan, securities or property of any kind and to undertake and accept the management of any endowment trust, fund or donation not inconsistent with the objectives of the Society.

(e) Purchase, hire, take on lease, exchange or otherwise acquire property, movables or immovable and construct, alter and maintain any building or buildings as may be necessary for carrying out the objectives of the Society.

(f) Open a bank account along with the signatories to the account.

(g) Receive funds from the Central and State Government or other sources through budget releases and release money to the lower offices based on their requirements and utilization of funds previously released.

(h) Incur expenditure after drawing up a budget and with due regard for economy and propriety.

(i) Make rules and regulation for the conduct of the affairs of the Society and add or amend, vary or rescind them from as and when required.

(j) Establish its own organizational structure, offices and employ, retain or dismiss personnel as required, decide salary and benefit structure for the Society.

(k) Accept, make, enclose or otherwise execute cheques, drafts, receipts, bills of exchange or other instruments and securities as required for the conduct of the business of the Society.

(l) Enter into contracts without a requirement for government approval, other than by government representatives on the Executive Committee and undertake any legal action that may be necessary to ensure the fulfillment of contracts made between the State Society and others.

(m) Exercise overall responsibility for management of Project on behalf of the Government of Goa within the framework of project/Mission guidelines.

7. *Management of the State Society.*— The management of the affairs of the State Society shall be vested with the Executive Committee as enshrined in the Bye-Laws framed for the purpose.

8. *Authority to correspond.*— The Member Secretary of the Society shall be the authority to correspond on behalf of the Society.

9. *Founder members and formation of the State Society.*— The undersigned members, associating themselves for the purpose described in this Memorandum of Association and desirous of forming themselves into a society are the founder members of the

Society. The founder members by designation and their successors shall be treated as founder members in their place.

We, undersigned, whose names, occupation and address as given below, do hereby subscribe our names to this Memorandum of Association and form ourselves into a society namely the Goa State Rural Livelihood Mission under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 on 28-08-2015.

Sr. No.	Name	Designation	Occupation	Signature
1.	P. Mathew Samuel, IAS	Secretary R. D.	Service	Sd/-
2.	V. N. Shetye	Joint Secretary R. D.	Service	Sd/-
3.	G. P. Pilarnekar	Director of Panchayat	Service	Sd/-
4.	Smt. Laura Britto e Madre De Deus	Project Director, DRDA South Goa	Service	Sd/-
5.	Shivaji Dessai	Project Officer, DRDA North	Service	Sd/-
6.	Kalpana Khandeparkar	Project Officer, DRDA South	Service	Sd/-
7.	Seema Fernandes	Asst. Director, GIPARD	Service	Sd/-

We the undersigned witnesses, certify that we know the above mentioned persons and the day have signed before us.

Signature

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| 1. Santosh Khedekar | Account Officer (I) | Sd/- |
| 2. Shirley Vas | Account Officer (II) | Sd/- |

B. Nominated Members:

1. Members from Reserve Bank of India, NABARD, Commercial Banks, Civil Society Organizations. There would also be a provision for special invitees including community representatives to the meeting.

10. Names, Designations, Occupations, Addresses, of the members of the Executive Committee.

Sr. No.	Name of the Member	Designation	Occupation	Address
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Chief Secretary	Ex officio Chairperson	Service	Secretariat, Porvorim-Goa.
2.	Secretary (RD)	Ex officio Vice Chairperson	Service	Secretariat, Porvorim-Goa.
3.	Secretary Finance	Ex officio Member	Service	Secretariat, Porvorim-Goa.
4.	Director, Agriculture Department	Ex officio Member	Service	Agriculture Department, Krishi Bhavan, Tonca, Caranzalem-Goa.
5.	Director, Women and Child Development	Ex officio Member	Service	Women and Child Develop- ment, Old Education Department Bldg., 18 June Road, Panaji-Goa.

1	2	3	4	5
6.	Director, Tribal Welfare Department	Ex officio Member	Service	Tribal Welfare Department, Patto-Panaji Sram Shakti Bhavan, 5th floor, Panaji-Goa.
7.	Director, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services	Ex officio Member	Service	Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Pashu Samardhan Bhavan, Patto-Panaji.
8.	Convener, State Level Bankers Committee	Ex officio Member	Service	SBI, local H.O., Lead Bank Department, Plot No. C-6, G Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra East, Bombay 400051.
9.	General Manager, NABARD	Ex officio Member	Service	Nizari Bhavan, Panaji.
10.	Project Director & Ex-officio Joint Secretary, DRDA-North	Ex officio Member	Service	Shanta Bldg., 2nd floor, St. Inez, Panaji, Goa.
11.	Project Director, DRDA-South	Ex officio Member	Service	Mathany Saldana Complex, Margao-Goa.
12.	CEO, GSRLM	Member Secretary	Service	

11. A certified copy of the Rules of the Society is enclosed herewith, as required by Societies Registration Act, 1860.

Rules of the Society

1. *Name of the Society.*— The name of the Society shall be “Goa State Rural Livelihoods Mission” (hereinafter referred to as to the Society).

2. *Location and registered office of the Society.*— The Society will have its head office at District Rural Development Agency-North Goa and may establish one or more branches anywhere in the State, if required.

Address:

The Registered Office of the Society shall be located at District Rural Development Agency, 2nd Floor, Shanta Building, St. Inez, Panaji-Goa.

3. *Definitions.*— a. *GOI*:- shall mean the concerned Ministries of the Government of India.

b. *MORD*:- shall mean Ministry of Rural Development Government of India who will guide the society from time to time for achieving the objective of the society.

c. *President*:- shall mean the President of the Governing Body of the Society who will be overall in charge of entire affairs of the society.

d. *Vice President*:- shall mean the Vice-President of the Governing Body of the Society who will play the role of president in absence of President.

e. *Chairperson*:- shall mean the Chairperson of the Executive Committee of the Society who will issue the necessary instructions to various Government departments for compliance of the policies of governing body & objective of the society.

f. *Vice Chairperson*:- shall mean the Vice-Chairperson of the Executive Committee of the Society.

g. *Chief Executive Officer (CEO)*:- shall mean the Chief Executive Officer of the Goa State Rural Livelihoods Mission as appointed by the State Government who will be responsible for the proper administration of day today affairs and fund flow/finance operation of the society.

h. Additional Chief Executive Officer (ACEO):- shall mean the ACEO of the GSRLM as appointed by the State Government at District level who will be responsible for compliance of all instructions of CEO and State Government.

i. District Project Unit (DPU):- shall mean the District Project Unit.

j. General Body:- shall mean the body of the Society constituted under Rule 7 of these Rules who will form various policies for fulfillment of the objective of the society.

k. Executive Committee (EC):- shall mean the body of the Society, which is constituted under Rule 18, of these Rules who will give guidance and direction for functioning the society.

Project means any project taken by the Society including National Rural Livelihoods Mission.

l. NGO:- shall mean a Non-Governmental Organization.

m. Officers and Staff:- shall mean all whole time and part time employees of the Society or Project duly appointed by any authority or officer, duly empowered to do so, and would include consultants, fellow and research staff, if any.

n. State Project Management Unit (SPMU):- shall mean the State Project Unit who is responsible for Project Administration.

o. Collector:- shall mean the Collector/ District Magistrate of a district appointed by the State Government & will discharge the various functions from time to time, whenever instructed by the EC.

p. CEO ZP:- shall mean the Chief Executive Officer of a Zilla Panchayat.

q. PD-DRDA:- shall mean the Project Director of District Rural Development Agency.

r. VDC/VO:- shall mean the Village Development Committee/Village Organization at the village level.

s. PET:- shall mean the Project Facilitation Team at sub cluster level.

t. SHG:- shall mean a Self Help Group which will be key point for the Society.

u. DCBO:- shall mean District Capacity Building Organization.

v. GP:- shall mean the Gram Panchayat.

w. Gram Sabha:- as defined in the Panchayat Act.

x. Officers of the Society:- shall mean all post holders of the Society.

y. Mission/Project:- shall mean the GSRLM of the Government of Goa as implemented in the State and/or any other project given to the Society to implement.

z. Scope and Application.— The area of operation of the Society in the State of entire Goa would be all districts.

4. Objectives.— The Society shall function as the apex coordinating organization for the implementation of the project. The Society shall have the following specific objectives:

a. Alleviate poverty of poor men and women by improving their capacities and opportunities to participate in and control their own development.

b. To make necessary interventions to empower active groups of disadvantaged people.

c. To make necessary interventions to create income security opportunity for the rural poor.

d. Through village institutions collaborate and influence PRIs to become more effective, accountable and inclusive.

e. Bring about coordination, convergence and synergy among the various components of different poverty alleviation programmes of the State and Central governments with a view to accelerating programmes towards elimination of poverty in the State.

f. To form the various federations at Village Taluka & District level who will monitor each & every activity of the SHG, which will further ensure that all Government Sponsor schemes & benefit reaches to the grass roots level along with various information.

g. To develop confidence among women with their active participation in SHG & in federation with various kind of activities.

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k. All State Government information can be passed on to the member of SHG forming the federation.

l. To educate the society to use the organic fertilizer & organic pesticides so as to get permanently rid of chemical fertilizer & pesticides for improvement of the lives span of the human being.

5. *There shall be a Governing Body and Executive Committee of the Society.*—

A. Governing Body

1. Chief Minister — President.
2. Minister for Rural Development — Vice President.
3. Chief Secretary.
4. Secretary, Panchayati Raj Department.
5. General Manager, NABARD.
6. Convener of SLBC cum General Manager SBI, Panaji.
7. Secretary RD, Member Secretary.
8. Chief Executive Officer, GSRLM.

B. Executive Committee

- a. Chief Secretary — Chairperson.
- b. Secretary (RD) — Vice Chairperson.
- c. Secretary, Finance Department.
- d. Director — Agriculture.
- e. Director — Women & Child Development.
- f. Director — Tribal Welfare Department.
- g. Director — Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services.
- h. Convener State Level Bankers Committee.
- i. General Manager — NABARD.
- j. Project Director, DRDA & Ex Officio Jt. Secretary (RD).
- k. Project Director, DRDA South Goa.
- l. CEO, GSRLM-Member Secretary.

6. *Date of commencement.*— These rules shall come into the force from the date which the “Goa State Rural Livelihood Mission” is registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860.

7. *Governing Body of the Society.*— It shall consist of the following members:

1. President — Chief Minister.
2. Vice President — Minister in charge of Rural Development.
3. Chief Secretary.
4. Secretary, Panchayati Raj Department.
5. General Manager, NABARD.
6. Convener of SLBC cum General Manager SBI, Panaji.
7. Secretary RD, Member Secretary.
8. Chief Executive Officer, GSRLM.

The President may nominate a maximum of 4 persons, two from a representative of

normal list, Scheduled and Co-operative Banks, and two from Civil Society Organization and community representative as special invitees for meetings of the General Body.

Nominated Members.— The Representatives of Nationalized Banks, Schedule and Co-Operative Banks, Civil Society Organizations.

There would also be a provision for special invites including Community representatives to the meetings of General Body.

8. *Terms of Ex Officio Members.*— (a) Ex Officio members of the Governing Body shall continue to be Members so long as they continue to hold office and shall cease to be members as soon as they cease to hold such office. The successor in office of the person so ceasing to be a member shall become member from the date of his assuming charge of the new office (subject to like conditions as to the term of membership).

(b) In the event of any office held by such member of the General Body being abolished or differently designated or in the event of any doubt as to whether a particular person holds a particular office or not, a duly authenticated communication from the State Government to the Project conveying the decision of the Government as to the successor in office or as to the incumbent holding the office shall be final and conclusive.

9. *Term of nominated members.*— a. The term of the nominated member would be at the pleasure of the President of the Society and shall ordinarily be for 2 years.

b. The nominated members would be drawn from the project districts in a way that over the life of the NRLM project all the districts can get represented.

10. *Termination of Membership.*— Members of the Governing Body shall cease to be such members if they resign or become of unsound mind, or are insolvent, or are convicted of a criminal offence involving moral turpitude.

11. *Resignation from Membership.*— Resignation from the membership of the Governing

Body of the Society shall be tendered to the Member Secretary/Convener of GB and shall not take effect until it is accepted by the President.

12. *Premature vacancies in the Nominated Category.*— Any vacancy in the membership of the nominated category of the Governing Body occurring prematurely due to resignation or otherwise shall be filled by nomination by the authority competent to make such nomination, and the persons so nominated shall hold office only for the un-expired period of the term of the prematurely terminated membership.

13. The Society, and through it the Project, shall function notwithstanding the fact that any person who is otherwise entitled to be a member by reason of her/his office, is not a member of the Governing Body for the time being, and also notwithstanding the fact of any other vacancy either due to non-appointment or otherwise. Further, no act of the Society or the Project shall be invalidated merely by reason of the happening of any of the above events or any defect, procedural or otherwise, in the appointment of any of the members of the Governing Body.

14. *Functions of the Governing Body.*— To achieve the objectives laid down in rule 4; the Governing body shall:-

a. Provide overall policy guidance and direction for efficient functioning of the Society and will be instrumental in bringing about strategic and policy changes that may be necessary for the implementation of Programme/NRLM and other projects assigned to it by the State Government.

b. Review projects/NRLM performance and secure active involvement and participation of Institutions, Non-governmental organization, Voluntary agencies and Individuals committed to poverty alleviation and provide necessary financial assistance to them.

c. Bring about effective decentralization in basic planning for poverty alleviation by

involvement of the people through a process of training and awareness building and creation and/or utilization structures formal or otherwise.

d. Secure constructive and participatory involvement of local people and grass root leadership for the achievement of the project's objects and for this purpose establish and/or utilize formal as well as informal structures.

e. Consider and approve the balance sheet and annual audited accounts of the Society, presented by the Member Secretary.

f. Consider the annual report and ratify district budgets.

g. Consider evaluation and special reports commissioned by the project administration.

h. Ensure that the Society considers any comments made by funding agencies on the progress and requirement in the implementation of the projects sponsored and funded by them.

i. Ensure technical and non-technical resources by harnessing the existing Institutions and through establishing new ones, if required.

j. Organize conferences, symposia, workshop etc. on matter related to the Society and to the project.

k. Advise State Government in implementation of poverty alleviation programmes.

15. *Powers of Governing Body.*— The Governing body shall have powers to:-

a. Undertake all activities necessary for the fulfillment of the objectives of the Society.

b. Expand/modify the strength of its membership.

c. Add, modify or amend the Memorandum and Articles of Association and these byelaws; provided that all such

additions, modifications or amendments shall be aimed at promoting the objectives of the Society.

d. Create duly empowered administrative mechanisms through such participation as may be deemed necessary, of various departments and agencies of Central and State Government and other organizations for the achievement of the objectives of the Society and of the NRLM in the State project.

e. Create academic, technical, administrative, managerial, training and other posts in the project and/or within the Society.

f. Ratify rules and regulations for conduct of the affairs of the Society and to amend them from time to time.

g. Accept grant of money, securities or property of any kind and take under and accept the management of any endowment, trust, fund or donation, not inconsistent with the objectives of Society or project.

h. Acquire movable and immovable property by purchase, lease, hire, exchange or otherwise and to construct, alter, maintain any building or buildings as may be necessary for carrying out the objectives of the Society and of the project.

i. Delegate to the Executive Committee or to any of the officers and authority of the Society such powers and impose such duties as it deems proper.

j. Approve the annual report, balance sheet and annual audited accounts of the Society.

k. Undertake all such activities, form such committees/task groups as may appear necessary or incidental for the achievement of the objectives of the Society and of the Project.

16. *Functions and powers of the President and Vice-President of the Society.*— The functions and powers of the President of the Society are:-

a. To call meetings of the Governing Body.

b. To preside over the Governing Body.

c. To accept resignation of a member of either body when offered.

d. To review all the aspects of the projects being implemented by the Society.

e. To have full powers both administrative as well as financial in all the matters, which are required for successful and efficient implementation of the project. However, he can further delegate the powers to other members/authorities/officers of the Society as well as to the administrative unit.

In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall exercise all the powers vested in the President and shall also exercise independently powers duly delegated to him.

17. *Proceedings of the Governing Body.*— (a) Meeting of the Governing Body of the Society shall be held at such time, date and place as may be determined by the President. Meeting shall be held at least once in a financial year.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, all meetings of the Governing Body shall be called to notice under the signature of the Member Secretary. However, for calling a meeting, a written notice must be dispatched to every member through messenger or by post at least seven days before the due date. Under special circumstances, the President of the Society can ask to call the meeting of the Governing Body by giving a shorter notice, as appropriate.

(c) Meeting of the Governing Body of the Society shall be presided over, by the President, and in his absence, by the Vice President. In case the President or the Vice President are not present, one of the members shall preside over the meeting which will be decided among the members present in the meeting.

(d) One third of the members of the Governing Body of the Society present in person shall form the quorum at every meeting, provided that no quorum shall be necessary in respect of an adjourned meeting.

(e) All disputed questions at meetings of the Society shall be determined by vote and in case of equality of votes; the person chairing the meeting shall have the casting vote.

18. The Executive Committee of the Society would comprise of following officials and members as specified below:-

a. Chief — Chairperson.
Secretary

b. Secretary (R.D.) — Vice-Chairperson.

c. Secretary — Finance Department.

d. Director of Agriculture.

e. Director of Women & Child Development.

f. Director of Tribal Welfare Department.

g. Director, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services.

h. Convener State Level Bankers Committee.

i. General — NABARD.
Manager

j. Project Director, DRDA-North & Ex Officio Jt. Secretary (RD).

k. Project Director, DRDA-South Goa.

l. CEO, SRLM — Member Secretary.

At least two representatives from implementing and capacity building NGOs may be nominated by the President/Vice President of the Governing Body.

Special invitees to the meeting of the Executive Committee may be nominated by the Chairperson of the Executive Council.

19. *Term of Members.*— a. The term of ex-officio members of the Executive Committee shall be in like manner as in 8(a) and (b) above.

b. The term of nominated members shall be ordinarily, for a period of two years. Such

members shall be eligible for re-nomination. A member so nominated shall become such member as from the date of issue of authenticated communication conveying that such person has been nominated as a member of the Executive Committee.

20. *Termination of membership.*— Members of the Executive Committee shall cease to be such members if they resign, or become of unsound mind, or are insolvent or are convicted of criminal offence involving moral turpitude.

21. *Resignation from membership.*— Resignation from the membership of the Executive Committee shall be tendered to the State Project Coordinator and shall not take effect until it is accepted by the Chairperson.

22. *Premature vacancies in the nominated category.*— a. Any vacancies in the membership of nominated category of the Executive Committee occurring prematurely, due to resignation or otherwise, shall be filled by nomination by the authority competent to make such nomination, and the person so nominated shall hold office only for the unexpired period of the term of the prematurely terminated membership.

b. The Executive Committee shall function notwithstanding that any person who is entitled to be a member by reason of his office is not a member of the Executive Committee for the time being and notwithstanding any other vacancy in the committee whether on account of non-appointment by the authority entitled to make the appointment or otherwise, and no act or proceedings of the Executive Committee shall be invalidated merely by reason of the happening of any of the above events or defects in the appointment of any of its members.

23. *Functions of the Executive Committee.*— It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee to endeavor to achieve the objects of the Society and of the Project, and to discharge all its functions subjects to the Rules and Regulations of the Society. It shall ensure that the Society considers any comments made by funding

agencies on the progress and requirement in the implementation of the projects sponsored and funded by them.

24. *Powers of the Executive Committee.*— a. Shall provide policy guidance and direction for functioning of the Society.

b. Review project performance and undertake activities necessary for fulfillment of objective of the Society.

c. Have power, to enter into agreements with other public or private organizations or individuals for furtherance of its objects.

d. Have power, to secure and accept endowments, grants-in-aid, donations or gifts to the Society on mutually agreed terms and conditions. Provided that conditions of such grants-in-aid, donations or gift shall not be inconsistent or in conflict with the objects of the Society or with the provisions of these Rules.

e. Have power, to take over and acquire, by purchase, gift or otherwise, from Government, and other public bodies, from private individuals, movable and immovable properties or other funds together, with any attendant obligations and engagements, not inconsistent with the objects of the Society or with the provisions of these Rules.

f. Have power, to undertake or give contract for construction of buildings required, if any, for use of Society or Project, and to acquire stores and services required for the discharge of the functions of the Society.

g. Have, subject to the provisions of Rule 4, power to sell or lease any movable or immovable property of the Society provided, that no assets of the Society created out of the Government grants shall, without prior approval of the Government, be disposed of, encumbered or utilized for purposes other than those for which the grant was sanctioned.

h. Have powers, by resolution, to constitute standing/ad hoc committees or task forces/groups, etc., for various areas of District Poverty Initiative Project (DPIP) and decide

in regard to their membership, powers, functions and liabilities.

i. Have the powers, by resolution, to appoint Advisory boards or other special committees for such purposes and with such purposes and with such powers as the Executive Committee may think fit, and to dissolve any such committee or Board at any time, and

j. Have the power, to delegate to the Chairman, Vice-Chairperson, State Project Coordinator or any of its members and/or to a committee/group or any officer of the project such duties as it deems proper and also prescribe limitations within which the powers and duties shall be exercised or discharges by the member/committee/group/officer so delegated.

25. *Proceedings of the Executive Committee.*— a. Meeting of the Executive Committee shall be presided over by the Chairperson, and, in his absence, by the Vice-Chairperson.

b. One-third of the members of the Executive Committee present in person shall constitute the quorum at any meeting of the Executive Committee, provided that no quorum shall be necessary in respect of an adjourned meeting.

c. Not less than five days notice of every meeting of the Executive Committee shall be given to each member of the Executive Committee provided that:-

i. The chairperson may call any urgent meeting at the notice of even 24 hours, and

ii. Any inadvertent omission to give notice of the meeting or its non receipt by any member shall not invalidate the proceedings of that or any other meeting.

iii. Every notice calling a meeting of the Executive Committee shall state the date, time and place at which such meeting will be held and shall be, except as otherwise provided in these Rules, issued under the signature of the Member-Secretary.

d. The Executive Committee shall meet as often as necessary but at least twice in a year.

e. Each member of the Executive Committee including the Chairperson shall have one vote and if there shall be equality of votes on any question to be decided by the Executive Committee, the Chairperson shall, in addition, have a casting vote.

26. *Chairperson.*— The Chief Secretary to Government of Goa shall be the Chairperson of the Executive Committee.

The Chairperson:-

a. Shall ensure that affairs of the Society are run efficiently and in accordance with the provisions of the District Poverty Initiatives Project and Memorandum of Association, Rules, Regulations and Byelaws of Society.

b. Shall preside over the meeting of the Executive Committee. May himself call, or, by a requisition in writing signed by him, may require the Member Secretary to call a meeting of the Executive Committee at any time.

c. May, in case the votes for and against a particular issue are equal exercise his casting vote.

d. Shall be the sole and absolute authority to judge the validity of the votes cast by any members at all the meetings of the Executive Committee.

e. Shall be entitled to invite any other person as specified in clause No. 18 to attend the meeting of the Executive Committee, provided that such invited persons shall have no power of voting.

f. May direct the Member Secretary to call special meeting of the Executive Committee at a short notice, in case of certain situations, and

g. May delegate to the Vice Chairperson such of these functions and powers as he may deem fit.

27. *Functions & powers of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO).*— a. The Chief Executive Officer for GSRLM shall be appointed by the State Government.

b. The Chief Executive Officer shall be the Chief Executive of the Society and for the Project, and shall be responsible for proper administration of the day-to-day affairs and fund flows/financial operations of the Society and implementation of its various activities. For the effective discharge of functions, he/she shall have powers to:-

i. Arrange meeting of the Governing Body of the Society and its Executive Committee and keep a record of the proceedings of these meetings and be responsible for taking action accordingly;

ii. Discharge such other functions as may be assigned to him/her by the Governing Body/Executive Committee and/or any other authority/officer of the Society, in furtherance of the objects of the Society.

iii. Constitute steering groups for each of the programme components and functional areas; constitute a task force, comprising heads of the Steering Groups, which would function as a cohesive team for the achievement of the objects of the Society.

iv. Appoint consultants (in accordance with the rules) and resource persons; prescribe, delegate powers and duties of all officers and staff of the Society and of the project;

v. Exercise such supervision and disciplinary control as may be necessary; coordinate and exercise general supervision over the activities of Society and the Project, including branches and units setup at the district and other lower levels;

28. *State/District/Block Mission Management Units.*— a. A district unit of the Project, the District Management Unit (DMU), shall be setup every district in which the Project will be implemented. The DMU shall be deemed to be a constituent unit of the Society, and

shall have its office at the district headquarters. The DMU shall be headed by District Project Manager and shall have well-defined powers delegated to it.

b. The District shall also have a capacity building organization to meet the requirements of training and Human Resource Development.

c. At a cluster of 3-5 panchayats, there shall be a project facilitation team which would work with poor people and help them organize themselves into Self Help Groups as well as build their capacities.

d. Village Development Committee/Village Organization/Federation would be formed at every project village and shall be the lowest unit of monitoring project activities.

29. *Funds of the Society.*— The funds of the Society shall consist of the following:-

(a) (i) Grants-in-aid and/or loan assistance made by the GOI and the State Government for furtherance of the subjects of the Society.

(ii) Contribution from other sources.

(iii) Income from the assets of the Society.

(iv) Receipts of the Society from other sources and

(v) Grant, donation, loan or assistance of any kind from any external agencies with prior approval of the Central Government/State Government.

(b) (i) All funds shall be paid into the Society account with the bank, and shall not be withdrawn except through a cheque.

(ii) Mode of payment or disbursement of funds from the Society's account may be through cheque, demand draft, money order, or otherwise, as decided by the financial rules.

30. *Account and Audit.*— a. The Society shall maintain proper accounts and other relevant records, and shall prepare annual accounts comprising the Receipts and Payment accounts, statement of liabilities in

such form as may be prescribed by the Registrar of Societies of the State Government in accordance with the rules in force under the State Societies Registration Act, subject to the conditions that in respect of grants from the Central Government, directions of the Central Government shall be adhered to.

b. The accounts of the Society shall be audited annually by a Chartered Accountant, and in accordance with the provisions of the Society Registration Act.

c. The audited accounts shall be communicated to the Governing Body of the Society, which will submit a copy of the Audit Report to the State Government.

d. The accounts of the Society shall also be subject to the provisions of the Comptroller and Auditor General (Duties, Powers and Conditions of Service) Act, 1971, as amended from time to time.

31. *Annual Reports.*— The Annual Report on the working of the Society and the work undertaken by it during the year together with the Balance Sheet, Audited Account and Auditor's Report shall be prepared and presented to the Executive Committee and to the Governing Body of the Society each year. After approval by the Society these shall be submitted to the State Government.

32. *Amendments.*— a) Amendments to these rules shall be effected by the Governing Body of the Society, by a majority of not less than half of the total members present and voting. However, all amendments will be applicable upon their registration under Section 2(15), 12 & 13 and 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961, as amended from time to time. Further no amendment will be carried out without the prior approval of the commission of Income Tax. The bye-laws of the society shall be repealed, altered or rescinded by 3/4th majority of the members present at the Annual General Body Meeting and in confirmation of Society Registration Act, 1860.

b) With the approval of the State Government, the Society may alter, extend or abridge the purpose for which it is

established, or amalgamate itself or the Project either wholly or partly with any other Society in accordance with the provisions of the Societies Registration Act.

c) As and when there is any change in the nomenclature of Minister, Departments, or Institution(s) and Designation(s) such change shall automatically stand incorporated in these Rules.

d) The Society needs to be dissolved; it shall be dissolved as per provisions laid down in Chapter 20 of Societies Registration Act.

e) If, on the winding up or dissolution of the Society, there shall remain, after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to, or distributed amongst the members of the Society or any one of them, but shall accrue to the State Government, which will decide about its utilization.

33. The Department of Panchayat/Rural Development, Government of Goa shall be the Administrative Department of the State Government for the Society and programmes implemented by it.

34. *Rules and Regulations.*— Rules and Regulations may provide for the following matters;

Service matter pertaining to officers and staff, including creation of posts, setting of qualifications, selection procedure, service conditions, pay and emoluments, discipline and conduct rules, T.A. and D.A. rules, etc.

a. Important financial aspects including formulation of budget, purchase procedures, delegation of financial powers, investment of funds, maintenance of accounts and audit, etc., and

b. All such other matters as may be necessary for the furtherance of the objects and the proper administration of the affairs of the Society.

Provided:

i. In the management structure, staff, which may devolve permanent liability on the State Government, shall not be appointed.

ii. Till such time as the Society formulates its own set of rules and regulation, decisions by the President/Vice President/Executive Committee in all such matters will be carried out.

iv. Consideration of financial propriety and prudence shall be kept in view.

35. *Delegation of Administrative and Financial Power.*— a. The powers delegated will be exercised as per the conditions/rules laid down in the bye-laws.

b. The CEO will exercise all the powers which head of the department of the State Government enjoys.

c. The powers delegated to a lower authority can be exercised by a higher authority.

d. Further detailed regulations and procedures will be laid down by specific work groups/committees as may be constituted under the provisions.

e. NRLM (GSRLM) being a Centrally Funded Scheme, for the procedures regarding incurring of expenditures and project administration, the rules framed by MORD, GOI will form the basis of all the activities.

36. *Miscellaneous.*— All the provisions of State Societies Registration Act, shall apply to the Society.

Order

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Sanction of the Government is hereby accorded for creation of new statistical posts to be filled on deputation from the Goa Common Statistical Cadre of Directorate of Planning, Statistics and Evaluation in the Department of Rural Development Agency,

Goa. The details of the following posts are shown below:

Sr. No.	Designation of the Post	Pay Scale	No. of posts created
Non-Ministerial (Non-Lapsable Posts)			
1.	Statistical Officer	44900-142400 Level 7	01
2.	Research Assistant	35400-112400 Level 6	02
3.	Statistical Assistant	29200-92300 Level 5	02
4.	Investigator	25500-81100 Level 4	02
Total			07

2. Approval of the High Level Empowered Committee is conveyed vide letter No. DPSE/I/ADMN/CREATION/2019 dated 31-12-2019, issued by the Directorate of Planning and Statistics & Evaluation, Alto-Porvorim.

3. The expenditure on the creation of above posts would be met from the Budget Head of newly created Department of Rural Development.

4. This issues with the approval of the High Level Empowered Committee (H.L.E.C) constituted with the approval of the Council of Ministers in the XXth meeting held on 08-11-2017 vide Order No. 1/1/2017-Addl.Secy(PER) dated 22-11-2017 issued by Department of Personnel.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Gopal A. Parsekar, Project Director & ex officio Addl. Secretary (RD).

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